

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 13 and replace with the following paragraph:

[0090] While certain types of network devices are shown in the exemplary embodiments contained herein, further device types for which performance can be monitored by the inventive system will be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art. ~~Further, it is contemplated that objects and devices not yet known may be incorporated and monitored in future networks.~~